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## Public Comment: Rapp Road Residential/Western Avenue Mixed Use Redevelopment Project

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To: kovalchikk@togny.org

Cc: Christine Sisto Mertes <christine@capitalaffairsllc.com>

Dear Mr. Kovalchik,

I am writing in support of the proposed Rapp Road Residential/Western Avenue mixed use redevelopment project. I had previously meant to send this email last week and as I write this I'm even more in support of the proposed project.

Pyramid has the proven track record bringing successful projects to the market, especially as we look at the Capital Region economy. Prior to coronavirus my letter of support would have focused on the resurgence of business / community development and our growth toward becoming a tourist destination. In this new day, if Pyramid is still willing to make investment in the Capital Region, I would say that it would spur confidence in the local economy and jobs at a most critical time.

My business, Capital Affairs, has worked in partnership with Crossgates on a number of endeavors that have benefitted both the not-for-profit community and the community at large. Should the proposed project happen this will only enhance the existing programs and services we're able to provide to the community. While I recognize that there are organizations and individuals concerned about the environmental impact, I would keep in mind, that with Pyramid's track record and philanthropic spirit, I would venture to guess that they would be mindful of these concerns and more than willing to work to make this a win-win project.

Thank you for your consideration.

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